



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.2. Pastures are getting dry as average temperatures were up with scattered showers bringing varying precipitation amounts. Drier weather has been good for baling hay. Farming activities for the week included harvesting apples and applying insecticide applications to tobacco as needed.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/04/19

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	3	30	65	2
Subsoil	6	29	64	1

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 08/04/19

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	9	4	87	-
Corn	-	9	31	55	5
Cotton	-	1	5	92	2
Hay, Alfalfa	-	3	37	54	6
Hay, Other	1	10	34	49	6
Peanuts	-	-	2	83	15
Soybeans	1	8	33	54	4
Tobacco, Burley	-	1	30	65	4
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	2	48	42	8
Tobacco, Flue-cured	-	3	49	33	15
Pasture	1	21	41	34	3
Livestock	-	4	27	62	7

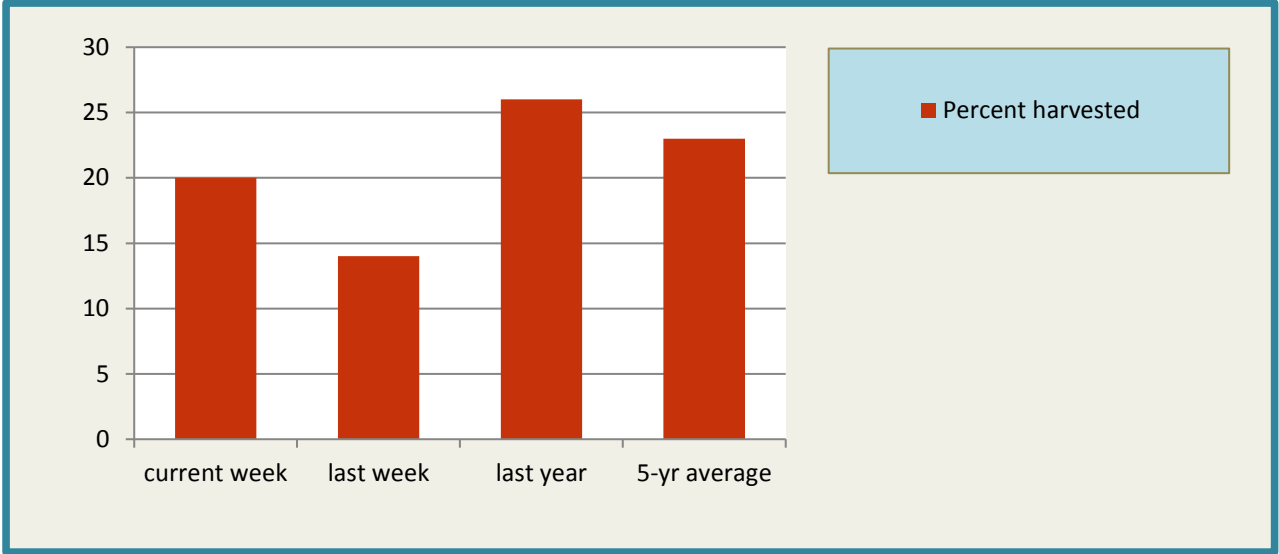
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CROP PROGRESS for week ending 08/04/19

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	20	14	26	23
Corn silking	94	89	89	90
Corn dough	79	68	71	62
Corn dented	46	27	36	30
Corn mature	3	-	-	-
Corn for silage harvested	2	-	-	-
Cotton squaring	95	92	97	96
Cotton setting bolls	62	44	58	62
Peanuts pegging	91	82	86	83
Soybeans blooming	69	57	50	48
Soybeans setting pods	44	31	31	25
Tobacco, Flue-cured harvested	26	15	15	13

-Represents data not available.

APPLES HARVESTED for week ending 08/04/19



Weather Summary- For the week ending August 4, 2019

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50)		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to Aug. 3	Mar. 1 to Aug. 3 norm	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	89	64	92	62	77	2	2641	2330	2.10	9.48	0.94	26.78	0.27
Norfolk	89	72	93	68	80	1	3114	2557	1.01	9.31	-0.09	28.06	0.28
Richmond	92	69	95	67	81	3	2969	2534	1.20	12.10	3.46	32.48	6.08
Roanoke	89	67	92	65	78	2	2778	NA	0.48	10.49	2.43	28.23	2.10
Wash/Dulles	92	67	97	63	80	4	2576	NA	0.02	5.17	-2.78	25.06	0.25

* Normal based on 1971-2000 data. NA-Not available. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>. Source: USDA, NASS, Virginia Field Office.

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY – Comments are based on remarks made by extension agents, farmers, commodity specialists, and other knowledgeable individuals.

NORTHERN

ROCKINGHAM (Doug Horn)

Rather dry overall. Pastures are showing drought stress and are being overgrazed. Row crops look decent in most of the county.

LOUDOUN (Jim Hilleary)

Temperatures reaching the low 90s; occasional, local showers. Pastures are beginning to look dry, and show indications of selective/over grazing.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)

Weather was very typical for early August in Rockbridge, with the northern half of the county getting around 1.5 inches from two significant isolated thunderstorm events Wednesday night and Friday evening. The southern half of the county was dry all week, and soil moisture is getting short there. Crops are still in good shape.

BATH/HIGHLAND (Jennifer Matosky)

Scattered thunderstorms; 60s at night and 80s during the day.

CENTRAL

AMELIA (Laura Siegle)

We remain fairly dry as a whole, though parts of the county received some evening showers during a storm last week. Producers were out chopping silage last week. We have seen a few disease problems show up in soybeans this week, and have spotted our first sugarcane aphids in sorghum. Forage growth is slow, and pastures look rather dry.

SOUTHWESTERN

SMYTH (Andy Overbay)

Spotty showers have left some parts of the county swamped, while other parts are dry. Overall, moisture levels are excellent for crops and pasture.

SOUTHEASTERN

GREENSVILLE (Sara Rutherford)

Tobacco harvest is in full swing. Scouting and insecticide applications are being made as needed. A drier week has allowed hay cutting and baling, especially in the southern portion of the county. Passing storms gave some relief to crops on Wednesday.

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)

Moderate temperatures returned this week, with scattered thunderstorms. Soil moisture conditions are sustaining crops and pastures. Much variation in corn yield potential. Soybean yield potential is not yet set, but has good potential.

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)

A couple of late day showers in spots last week slowed a few work hours. The vegetables are still backing off due to weather. Second cutting hay was baled last week.